

Weekly Report - SED

Reporting Period: 11/10/2019(Sunday)-11/16/2019(Saturday)

ASSESSMENT ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Federal Abandoned Uranium Mine Workgroup - Information: On November 5 and 6, the Federal Abandoned Uranium Mine Workgroup, consisting of EPA, DOE, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and DOI, held meetings in Westminster, CO for further coordination of mine cleanups. Members of the group provided updates of progress made in the last year on assessment and cleanup work, discussed technical consistency with assessment methods, protocols for sharing data, and reviewed and revised the workgroup's Strategic Plan and Communication Strategy. The Workgroup was originally formed following DOE's report to Congress' on Defense Related Uranium Mines (DRUM) (pre-1970 mines) to develop inter-agency strategies to assess the DRUM mines and prevent duplication of efforts. - **Kevin Shade (214-665-2708)**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BRANCH

EXPLO-OU3 / Camp Minden, LA – Removal - Information: At the Quarterly Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on November 4, Louisiana Military Department (LMD) updated the group that the burn chamber is expected to be removed from Camp Minden by the end of April 2020. Following removal of the burn chamber, LMD will conduct environmental sampling as required in the approved closure plan. If results indicate no further actions are required, LMD will provide a final report to EPA indicating completion of the removal action. A public event will be held in the late spring or early summer of 2020 by EPA, LDEQ, and LMD to mark the completion of the removal action. - **Adam Adams (214-665-3167) (Cell-214-202-6952)**

Vermiculite Products Site, Houston TX – Removal - Information: Post excavation air and soil sample results from samples were collected, and all results showed either non-detect for asbestos or levels well below the air clearance value at the one-foot depth. Due to a heavy rain event on November 7, backfilling of the site was halted. Rain water was pumped from the excavation pit and backfilling resumed November 11, with final site restoration activities of sod and mulch installation to be completed the week of November 18. - **Mike McAteer (214-665-7157) (Cell-214-354-9371)**

Godfrey Oil Spill, Lake Texoma, OK – Response - Information: On November 7, EPA received an NRC report of a discharge of 100 barrels of crude oil from a damaged tank battery near the town of Madill, Marshall Co., OK. The oil traveled into Elm Creek and flowed downstream into Lake Texoma. EPA responded to provide oversight of the response activities. Current operations are utilizing approximately 20 personnel, 4 vacuum truck, skid steer, ATVs, and a skimmer barge. Flushing continued from the spill origin into the feeder creek. Brush was cleared to allow for better access to collection areas. Lake shoreline cleanup activities were

completed and most of the free oil from the creeks has been flushed and recovered. An estimated 410 large bags with oily debris and absorbents was collected for disposal. On November 11, EPA demobilized from the site and will return later in the week for a follow-up. The RP will continue with cleanup activities, mostly finishing work, throughout the week. - **Randy Guidry (214-665-2277) (Cell-469-805-4956)**

Delek Logistics Diesel Discharge, Cumby, Hopkins County, TX – Response - Information:

The Delek Logistics Diesel Discharge occurred on October 3, with the spill impacting approximately 1.7 miles of the East Fork of Turkey Creek before being contained. The East Fork of Turkey Creek drains into Lake Fork approximately 15.1 miles downstream. The free product was recovered off the creek by October 8 and the flushing and recovery operations were completed by October 15. Delek continues to do creek maintenance operations to recover residual emulsified diesel which will likely be ongoing through November. Delek is also excavating and disposing of diesel-contaminated soils near the spill source. The excavation and disposal activities are anticipated to be completed by the end of November. - **Gary Moore (214-665-6609) (Cell-214-789-1627)**

REMEDIAL BRANCH

Jones Road Groundwater Plume Superfund Site, Harris County, Texas - Community

Meeting - Information: On November 7, EPA held a public meeting to update the community on current cleanup activities at the Jones Road site. There were 30 attendees which included 8-10 residents. A Houston Chronicle News Reporter was at the meeting as an observer. Prior to the meeting, agency representatives visited door-to-door 80 property owners/businesses around the site to provide site information and to provide them an opportunity have their wells sampled and connect to the public water supply. EPA plans to sample the wells in January 2020 and will follow up with those interested in connecting to the waterline. - **Raji Josiam (214-665-8529)**

Donna Canal Superfund Site, Donna, TX - Remedial Action - Information: On November 7, EPA traveled to Donna, TX and met with a local property owner to discuss a lease agreement. EPA needs approximately 16 acres of land near the canal to support the remedial action with an area for staging and a sediment de-watering pad. The property owner was receptive and efforts to finalize the lease agreement are being pursued. - **Nelly Smith (214-665-7109)**

San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, Channelview, TX - Remedial Design -

Information: During the week of November 11, treatability testing of thermal evaporation of site contact water was initiated. Starting in December, monthly Technical Work Group (TWG) meetings will be held until submittal of the intermediate design packages. The TWG meetings are one of the steps the design team is taking to maintain the remedial design project schedule. - **Gary Baumgarten (214-665-6749) (Cell-214-789-9479)**

Chevron Questa Mine Superfund Site, Questa, NM - Meeting with NM Agencies -

Information: On November 18, EPA will hold a CERCLA-CWA consolidation kickoff meeting

with NMED and NM MMD to discuss the schedule and process for consolidation of regulatory authorities and capturing the substantive CWA requirements in a CERCLA ROD. - **Laura Stankosky (214-665-7525) (Cell-214-789-1429)**

Lane Plating Works, Dallas, TX - Meeting with CAG - Information: On November 18, EPA will be briefing the Lane Plating Community Advisory Group (CAG) on the site's conceptual site model and Phase 1 sampling results. The CAG has requested that the next community meeting be scheduled for late January 2020 during which EPA will present the Phase 1 site sampling results. - **Kenneth Shewmake (214-665-3198)**

Homestake Mining Company Superfund Site, Grants, NM - PRP Meeting - Information: On November 20 and 21, EPA and NMED are scheduled to meet with Homestake in Albuquerque, NM to discuss the ongoing RI/FS equivalency analysis process. A draft RI report, risk assessment report, and alternatives development and screening document are currently being reviewed by EPA and NMED. The equivalency analysis is being performed to determine if the groundwater corrective action conducted under the NRC source materials license and UMTRCA will satisfy requirements for a CERCLA-quality remedy. - **Mark Purcell (214-665-6707)**

Bandera Road Superfund Site, San Antonio, TX - Community Meeting - Event: On December 5, the Community Advisory Group (CAG) invited EPA and TCEQ to share site updates in a CAG public meeting for the community. The EPA had been conducting remedial design field tests throughout September and October. - **Stephen Tzhone (214-665-8409)**

North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund Site, Espanola, NM - Community Meeting - Event: On December 11, NMED and EPA will have a community meeting and meet with the Santa Clara Pueblo, the City of Espanola, and Rio Arriba County to present an update of the site's status and activities. - **Mark Purcell (214-665-6707)**

R&H Oil/Tropicana Energy Superfund Site, San Antonio, TX - Community Meeting - Event: On December 17, EPA, TCEQ, and ATSDR will host an open house to update the community on the Superfund process, past removal action, and the current RI/FS for the site. - **Stephen Tzhone (214-665-8409)**